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Letter dated 27 October 2009 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Secretary-General

In my capacity as President of the Security Council, I am forwarding to you a letter dated 22 October 2009 from the Chairman of the Security Council Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict established by Security Council resolution 1612 (2005), based on the Working Group's conclusions adopted on 12 October 2009 (S/AC.51/2009.4) (see annex).

(Signed) **Le Luong Minh**
President of the Security Council

Annex to the letter dated 27 October 2009 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Secretary-General

Letter dated 22 October 2009 from the Chairman of the Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict addressed to the Secretary-General

On 1 July 2009, the Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict, established by Security Council resolution 1612 (2005), examined the report of the Secretary-General on children and armed conflict in Myanmar (S/2009/278). Following its meeting on 12 October 2009, the Working Group adopted its conclusions on the parties to the armed conflict in Myanmar (S/AC.51/2009.4).

In follow-up to the recommendations of the Working Group, approved by the Security Council, and subject to and consistent with applicable international law and relevant Security Council resolutions, including Security Council resolutions 1612 (2005) and 1882 (2009), I am entrusted, in my capacity as the Chairman of the Working Group, to welcome the meeting that took place on 20 August between the country-level task force on monitoring and reporting and the high-level committee for the prevention of military recruitment of underage children and the promise of a follow-up meeting to further discuss the integration of the recommendations of the Working Group into a time-bound action plan and to support their implementation, as well as your recommendation to the task force to strengthen its monitoring and reporting capacity through increased staffing and wider geographical coverage with a view to improving its work, including prevention, protection, release and reintegration support activities.

I kindly invite you to continue strengthening the country-level task force on monitoring and reporting in accordance with Security Council resolutions 1612 (2005) and 1882 (2009), to establish a systematic protection dialogue with all parties to the conflict with the goal of creating concrete time-bound action plans to halt recruitment and use of child soldiers, the killing and maiming of children and rape and other forms of sexual violence against children, in contravention of applicable international law, and to address other violations and abuses as appropriate.

Finally, I also invite you to consider the strengthening of the efforts of the United Nations to provide adequate health care and psycho-social care to child victims, including child victims of sexual violence.

(Signed) Claude Heller
Chairman of the Working Group on
Children and Armed Conflict